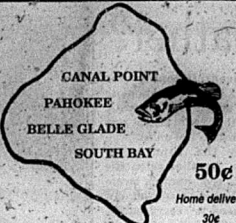


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## Pahokee Main Street kicks off the city's Diamond Jubilee

Pahokee residents will celebrate the city's 75th anniversary on Saturday, March 22 during I Love Pahokee Day. Mayor Ramon Horta will blow out the 75 candles on the celebration cake at noon.

I Love Pahokee Day is a yearly celebration begun by former Chamber of Commerce President Jim Bennett.

The day will include an Easter bonnet parade at 1 p.m. Residents are encouraged to participate by entering the parade.

Anyone who doesn't have a bonnet and would like to participate can have a bonnet made at one of the booths for a nominal fee. I Love Pahokee Day will take place in the downtown area of the city.

A barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$67 for adults and \$3 for children.

The unveiling of a mural on the west wall of Western Auto will also be done during the festivities. Painted by renowned artist, Donald Neal, from Belle Glade, the mural will be highly visible for residents and visitors to view.

The Diamond Jubilee is a joint venture of Pahokee Main Street and the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce.

## Milranda Smith wins South Bay election

South Bay voters say Milranda Smith is their choice as they elected her to a fifth, two year term. Esther Berry, 50, campaigned against Smith, but lost by 32 votes.

Smith, 32, said she wanted to continue the progress already made by the city and

will continue to support Bay Fest, a local festival, she helped start last year. She also wants to take an active role in helping the city improve the police department and find a new police chief. Former police chief, Charles Napier, resigned two weeks ago.

## U.S. Sugar breaks ground on refinery

By Tracy Whirls  
Clewiston News

U.S. Sugar broke ground Monday for the first new sugar cane refinery to be built in the United States in more than 25 years. It will allow the nation's largest producer of sugar cane to take the sugar process full circle - from the cane fields to the consumer.

Congressmen Mark Foley and Alyce Hastings, U.S. Sugar Chairman of the Board Bill White, and a host of county and city officials were on hand for the historic groundbreaking.

Before introducing the visiting dignitaries, U.S. Sugar vice president of community affairs Robert Coker told those present that the company's founder, C.S. Matt, would have been proud of the company's decision to build the new refinery, adding that in investing in the community, "what is good for the community is good for us."

Mr. Coker and other U.S. Sugar officials thanked both Congressmen Hastings and Foley, as well as U.S. Sugar employees for their work in defeating Amendment 10 last year. Congressman Hastings noted that in building the new sugar refinery, U.S. Sugar is reversing the trend among businesses like Pratt, Whitney and IBM which have downsized.

"U.S. Sugar is powering up, not just with the refinery, but powering up as well community attitudes about employment, education and housing in this community," Congressman Hastings said.

The congressman noted that as a member of the International Relations Committee, he has visited sugar fields in India and elsewhere and concluded, "no where in the world is better sugar grown than right here. No one out produces."

Congressman Foley vowed to continue to fight organizations that would try to put the sugar



**RESEATED FOR A FIFTH TERM...**South Bay Commissioner Milranda Smith campaigns near city hall Tuesday. Smith defeated challenger Esther Berry with 52.9 percent of the vote.

## School Board reschedules Education Day in the Glades

Unexpected scheduling conflicts for the Palm Beach District School Board have resulted in the canceling of Friday's Education Day in the Glades. The day-long visit by Superintendent Joan P. Kowal and the school board has been rescheduled for May 28.

According to West Area Superintendent Eugenia Jones, Dr. Kowal has confirmation that President Clinton will be in Palm Beach County on March 14 and will be speaking at an elementary school in Jupiter.

Mrs. Jones says, "Obviously, we are excited about the President's visit, but it was not an expected one. It would have been extremely difficult for the superintendent and the board to try to accommodate both commitments. Dr. Kowal is looking forward to spending the entire day in the Glades, and she regrets having to cancel her visit."

The Education Day was structured to better familiarize the superintendent and the members of the school board with educational programs and facilities in Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay.

Glades area community leaders and officials were scheduled to attend a continental breakfast and meet the superintendent at West Technical Education Center on Friday morning.

## Mandy Perez appointed headmaster of Glades Day

By Stephanie Schneider  
Reporter

On Monday, March 10, 1997, Mandy Perez was appointed Headmaster of Glades Day School after the resignation of Buddy Sizemore.

Many know Mandy as the man who coached the Gator football team to state championships. Now, after accepting the position as headmaster, he will no longer be coaching football in order to concentrate more completely on his new role as the academic leader of Glades Day.

"I am looking forward to

working with a great staff and I hope we can continue to go in a positive direction. I plan to continue to teach calculus because I feel it is important to keep communication open with the students."

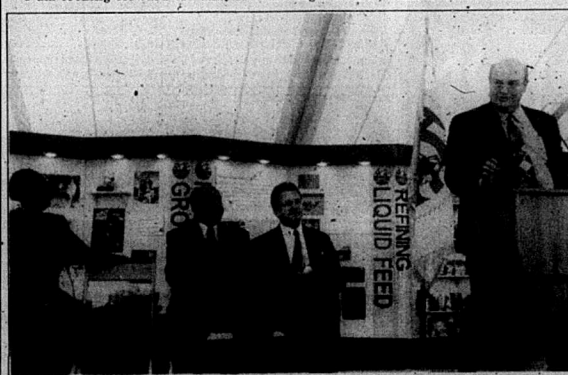
Mr. Perez is a former graduate of Pahokee High School and received his Bachelor Degree in mathematics from the University of Florida in 1973. He then continued on to receive his Masters Degree in Social Studies from the University of Florida in 1975.

Mr. Perez has been teaching since 1975. He taught calculus, advanced math with trigonometry and algebra 2 at Glades Day.

Since Mr. Perez's responsibilities have been increased, he declined to be head football coach next year so that position went to Pete Walker.

"I want a fair balance of academics and athletics at Glades Day and I feel it would be a conflict of interests if I continued to be head coach and headmaster."

Mr. Perez started his position as headmaster immediately following the public announcement on March 10.



Bill White, chairman of the board of U.S. Sugar and president and CEO of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, addresses the group of more than 300 local dignitaries who attended the groundbreaking Monday as Hendry County Commissioner Janet Taylor, Congressman Alyce Hastings and Congressman Mark Foley look on.

Photo by Tracy Whirls

**Boys and Girls Club to host basketball tourney**  
The Glades Boys and Girls Clubs are hosting the first Afro Arts Festival three-on-three basketball tournament on Saturday, March 15. The tournament will be held at the newly renovated Lake Shore Civic Center site.

Games will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude after the day's last game. The tournament will offer three separate age divisions: 15 to 17, 18 and over and 30 and over. However, the committee reserved the right to combine all adult groups into one if needed.

To register, you may pick up an application at Belle Glade Elementary, Glade View, Plover Park or Rosenwald Elementary Schools.

**Chili Supper at Canal Point school**

The music department at Kathryn E. Cunningham Canal Point Elementary School will be holding their annual chili supper on Tuesday, March 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Dinner includes chili, crackers, a drink and desert.

Entertainment will be provided by the music department. Tickets are \$2 for children and \$4 for adults and are available at the door.

For more information contact Kelly Spiegel at 924-6460.

**GEL's to celebrate Founder's Day**

The Glades Ebonyque Ladies Club will celebrate their annual Founder's Day on Sunday, March 16 at 11 a.m. at St. James AME Church in Pahokee.

The community is invited to come out and share this occasion. Club members are soliciting ads for the souvenir booklet. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad should contact Dolores Maxey or any club member.

**Plant and bake sale planned in Pahokee**

The Pahokee Garden Club is planning a plant sale and bake sale for March 18 at 10 a.m. at First Union Bank in Pahokee.

The public is invited to attend.

**Jack Gold applications available at chamber**

Applications for several of the Black Gold Jubilee events are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. Entries for the parade, WIFE Cookie Contest, Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold Pageant, the 5k Walk/Run, the Photography Contest, Children's Fishing Contest, Arts and Crafts booth applications, food booths, and more, can be picked up during regular chamber business hours.

Applications for the Harvest Queen Pageant can be picked up at Atlantic Pacific Insurance.

The Jubilee is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Plan to participate in one or more events to be a part of the end of harvest celebration in the Glades.

For more information, contact the Belle Glade Chamber

# Have you heard the weather?

By Mike Lyons

"It sounded like they say, like a big freight train pulled by a black engine." That's the way Butch Cooper described the twister that ripped through Little Rock, Arkansas over the weekend. It was one of 20 tornadoes that claimed at least 39 lives and injured hundreds more.

Like a freight train. That's the description many tornado survivors use to describe the sound of a twister. Others say it sounds more like a jet engine. One person even compared it to a tall million bees.

The source of that sound is



Mike Lyons

checking out a radar screen, these researchers hope to detect tornadoes by listening for them.

It turns out that tornadoes make all sorts of noises, including some that are too low in frequency for human ears. Animals, however, have apparently been hearing tornadoes for years.

Dogs sometimes drastically alter their behavior when a tornado is approaching. In his book, *Severe and Unusual Weather*, Professor Joe Eagleman describes a case where a dog ran into a house and crawled under a bed just before a tornado hit.

University of Colorado researchers discovered that tornadoes produce a sound frequency of one hertz. That's too low for humans to hear, but just right for the university's instruments.

So, the folks in Colorado

have been listening for twisters. The group hopes to develop an array of acoustic sensors that could detect any tornado within 100 miles.

Across the country in Alabama, another scientific group has been hunting tornadoes with a seismograph, the device used to record earthquakes. The folks at Tatom Engineering Analysis say that a tornado can make the ground shake.

They stumbled across this discovery back in the fall of 1995, when an automated seismograph detected ground vibrations from a tornado about eleven miles away.

It seems that the tornado's strong winds create pressure vibrations on the ground. These vibrations generate earthquake waves that a seismograph can record.

Tatom is currently designing seismic detectors to record these vibrations. Early tests indicate that their devices could mean a revolution in tornado forecasting.

A revolution that could save hundreds of lives. Each year in the United States, there are over 1,200 confirmed tornadoes. Many of these storms go undetected.

But, that may change. Instead of trying to "see" tornadoes with our sophisticated radar eyes, we may be able to "hear" tornadoes or "feel" them approaching.



uncertain. Scientists think it may be the result of supersonic winds within the thunderstorm.

High winds are a given inside a tornado. After all, this is the storm with the fastest winds on earth. These monsters can produce gusts as high as 300 mph.

Determining where and when a tornado will drop out of the sky remains one of meteorology's greatest challenges. Today's sophisticated Doppler radars can often spot a tornado before it forms, but many of these storms often remain unpredictable.

Now, scientists at the University of Colorado in Boulder are working on a new way to predict tornadoes. Instead of watching the sky or

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**The Odd Couple**  
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**CO-OP UNDERWRITES COST OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTION...** Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida gave the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center the funding to bring the Missoula Children's Theatre to the Glades. Center Director Leigh Woodham, left, accepts the donation from Sugar Cane Growers Co-op Public Relations Director Barbara Miedema.



**PBCC's Spotlight on the "Fabulous" Glades Campus**

By Leigh Woodham

Missoula is coming

What is Missoula, you ask? The Missoula Children's Theatre from Missoula, Montana! Once again they will be coming to Belle Glade and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center for a week of workshops and dramatic fun for Glades area students. An open audition to all students K5 through 12th grade will be held on Monday, March 17 at Belle Glade Elementary at 3:30 p.m. Auditions will last until approximately 6:00 p.m., with a rehearsal for the primary roles immediately following. Dinner will be served to those who must stay for rehearsal.

Daily rehearsals for this year's production, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves", will be held at the Dolly Hand, culminating with two performances of a fully costumed musical production



Leigh Woodham

on Saturday, March 22 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. What our area children can accomplish in just one week is truly amazing! Come on out and see our talented youth.

For ticket information, call the box office at 992-6160.

Ann Tyler and M\*A\*S\*H\* stars come to the Dolly Hand On Tuesday, April 1, the

hilarious Neil Simon comedy, "The Odd Couple", starring Jamie Farr (Corporal Klinger from M\*A\*S\*H) and William Christopher (Father Mulcahy) comes to the Dolly Hand at 7:30 p.m. Spend your "April Fool's Day" enjoying the antics of Oscar and Felix, and at the same time, enjoy the artwork of Everglades artist Ann Tyler. Her beautiful paintings will be displayed in the Grand Hall prior to the show and during intermission. Good seats for "The Odd Couple" are still available, simply call the box office at 992-6160.

**Spring Break**

During the week of March 10 through March 14, Palm Beach Community College is on Spring Break, so both the "Fabulous" Glades Campus and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center are closed. Classes will resume and offices will reopen on Monday, March 17.



**TALENTED CHILDREN NEEDED...** Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre presentation, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves", will be held Monday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m. at Belle Glade Elementary. For more details, see Leigh Woodham's article above.



**Senior Citizen News**



The West County Senior Citizens Center is located at 201 W. State Road 15 in Belle Glade. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch is served daily at noon. There are many activities to keep both mind and body active and healthy. Anyone with transportation problems can call 996-4818 and the Center can arrange to meet your needs. For a daily update on Center activities, tune to WSWN, 900 on the AM dial, at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

daily. Special activities this week include:  
• **Thursday, March 13 - Dr. Jacobson, podiatrist** will perform Monthly Feet Check-ups.  
• **Tuesday, March 18 - All Day Crafts.** Joann Fletcher will give instructions on making Easter goodies.  
**Lunch Menu, 3/13-3/19**  
3/13-Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Wheat Bread, Fresh Banana and Milk.

3/14-Turkey Salad, Mixed Greens, Potato Salad, Rye Bread, Vanilla Pudding, Orange Juice and Milk.  
3/17-Sliced Ham, Boiled Potatoes & Carrots, Steamed Cabbage, White Bread, Lime Gelatin w/ Pineapple and Milk.  
3/18-Turkey Noodle Casserole, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, White Bread, Fresh Orange and Milk.  
3/19-Tomato Chili Con Carne, Rice, Green Peas, Wheat Bread, Chocolate Pudding and Milk.



# Medical Services

## Women's Health

### Diagnosis of breast cancer may be affected by tissue differences

Despite widespread acceptance of mammography screening, there are women with breast tissue types that require means other than mammography to detect cancer. Mammography sometimes is not effective in detecting cancer in women with dense breasts, surgical scar tissue, thickened breast tissue from radiation therapy, breasts with calcifications and breasts that have been enlarged with implants.

Tumors can "hide" in women with dense breasts because reduced contrast in X-rays makes tumors less distinguishable from healthy tissue. In women who have had breast cancer that was surgically removed, a mammogram can miss a tumor because of the scar tissue and recurrent cancer. And in women with breast implants, breasts cannot be adequately compressed for a mammography exam.

Dense breast tissue can make mammography interpretation difficult, leading to false-positive or false-negative results.

In contrast, the advantage for women with fatty breasts is that mammograms render fat as dark areas, whereas a tumor shows up as a light spot. But dense tissue also shows up as light areas, so it can be difficult to distinguish a tumor in a woman with dense breast tissue.

When screening younger women, the problem is not finding abnormalities that turn out to be nothing, but rather, missing lumps that turn out to be something. Younger women generally have a higher proportion of dense, glandular tissue to fat. Child-bearing and breast feeding, as well as glandular changes that occur with normal aging, may later shift that proportion toward fat.

Under investigation, however, is a nuclear imaging test that could help doctors interpret the breast X-rays of women with dense breasts and ultimately save lives.

The nuclear imaging test is not meant to replace mammography. It's intended to give doctors another tool when looking for cancer in the difficult to image breast.

For more information on the role of nuclear medicine in breast cancer diagnosis, contact the Society of Nuclear Medicine at (703) 708-9000.

By Paula Swaford, RN

Did you know that the leading cause of mental retardation in the Western world today is fetal alcohol syndrome? Pregnant women who drink alcohol in any form subject their unborn children to the possibility of a life of mental retardation, learning disabilities, behavior disorders and speech difficulties. Their appearance will also be indicative of FAS (fetal alcohol syndrome) in the form of wide, slanted eyes and a flattened area in the middle of the face. The child may also be afflicted with malformations of the heart, genitals and urinary system. Is drinking beer worth the risk of causing deformities in your child?

Many young women of child-bearing age seem to conveniently ignore the warning signs available to the public. Teens and "financially challenged" individuals often do



Paula Swaford, RN

not receive the education and prenatal care they so desperately need. Unless you have had your head in the sand for the past 20 years or so, you know that drug use and drug abuse is a horrible problem in our society. It's one thing, if a consenting adult makes poor choices and uses marijuana; it's another if a mother-to-be abuses drugs and alcohol and causes her unborn child to be born addicted to one or both.

Society is aware that the

inadequate identification and management of drug-abusing pregnant women results in poor outcomes for the babies of such mothers. Long term consequences for the child and the family include expensive, time consuming follow-up in a high risk clinic, long term health problems, substandard performance in school, the need for special education classes and growing up in a dysfunctional family.

I will attempt to simplify what happens when a pregnant woman takes drugs or alcohol:

The placenta (the part of the womb (uterus) that transfers nutrition and oxygen to the baby) does not protect the baby. The baby swallows the fluid in the womb and eliminates it through urination. But the baby's body does not clean the bad things out, so the baby gets drugs and alcohol from the mother. Then the baby drinks

them over and over again in the womb, so drugs and alcohol are in the baby's body for a longer time than they are in the mother's body. Before your baby is born, he or she is drunk and cannot move the way it should. Moving helps its arms and legs to develop, and therefore if it does not move like it should, it doesn't develop like a normal child would. Because the baby's brain does not develop correctly, he or she may not think and be as smart as other children. Your child will not learn things easily and will probably have trouble in school. They will also experience behavior problems and "act out" frequently.

Heroin, marijuana and cocaine all affect the baby (as well as the mother) adversely. Babies from addicted mothers can actually have strokes before they are born. Birth defects and cardiac (heart) deformities are common, as

well as children who die with AIDS (sudden infant death syndrome). Babies of heroin addicts are born addicted also, and then immediately go into the horrors of withdrawal. They must learn to exist without the drug; they will shake uncontrollably, have trouble eating, usually have vomiting and diarrhea, sweat a lot and will not want to be touched or cuddled by anyone.

Doesn't paint a pretty picture, does it? Would you want your child to suffer in this manner? And, please, don't think this couldn't happen to you. The statistics tell the story. If there is a possibility that you could be pregnant and you are still using drugs and/or drinking, stop immediately and contact your doctor for prenatal care and counseling.

Until next time, stay informed and stay healthy.

You can determine your body frame size by wrapping your thumb and index finger around your wrist. If the thumb extends past the index finger, you have a small frame; if the thumb and index finger just meet, you have an average frame; and if the thumb and index finger do not meet, you have a large frame.

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### Where's Dad?

"While reading the birth announcements from Everglades Regional on March 6, I noticed that out of the 38 listed, only 11 of the parents appeared to be married. That's 29 percent."

What does that statistic say about our area's population's commitment to family values and good morals? Research is showing, time and time again, children need both a stable mother and father to reach their highest potential.

I don't want to take responsibility for these illegitimate offspring, but in some cases, society will probably have to. I'm worried."

### Neighborhood is trashy; who should I call?

"Hi. I'm a concerned citizen and I'm not exactly sure who I should be calling or speaking to in reference to this, so I'm letting you guys know."

What I want to find out is, what do you do when you are trying to beautify your community and beautify the Glades and there are a lot of junky neighborhoods? People just have all kinds of junk and garbage in their driveways and their yards and I don't know exactly who to notify to get this cleaned up.

If you'll notice, off of Airport Road, on 18th Street, there's some little sub-streets. One of those streets is called Avenue I. There are two or three trailers that are constantly junky and it's disastrous and extremely ugly to the community.

I need to find out what the residents of this neighborhood can do about this. Thank you."

Editor's note: You should call 996-0100 and ask for the Building and Planning Department at the City of Belle Glade. They say Code Enforcement will look at the area you are calling about and see what needs to be done.

## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Hi. My name is Colin Clark, and I am in fifth grade at Westridge School in Harlan, Iowa.

Our class is studying geography and the history of the U.S.A. I would appreciate it a lot if you would send me some postcards or a souvenir of your town or state.

I appreciate your time and effort. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Colin Clark  
Westridge Elementary School  
Harlan, IA 51537

Dear Editor:

Thanks!

A great big Thank You to the Pahokee Main Street volunteers who helped paint the Western Auto wall this past weekend. To Barbara Branch, Margie and Julian Branch, Maria and Pafforio, Wayne Jarrell, and Jo Hutton for your dedication and to Father John for the refreshments, you're the greatest!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Main Street program. If you have a sincere desire to see Pahokee improve in every way, get involved! We need your help. Please call us at 924-6332 for information.

Shirley Jarrell, Coordinator  
Pahokee Main Street

Dear Editor:

I read, with deep regret, that our South Bay Police Chief, Charles Napier, had resigned this past week. Mr. Napier was an outstanding public servant, devoted to his job and his employees. He will be truly missed.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Saide  
President/CEO  
Biocom Technologies, Inc.  
South Bay

Dear Editor:

I have been asked to compile a book of reminiscences of men and women involved in amphibious operations of World War II, and wonder whether any of your readers have memories which they would like to share.

I would be interested to hear from anyone who served in such an operation, or who worked in war industries producing the equipment for them.

The object of the book is to record, in the participants' own words, the experiences of everyday life which normal history books tend to ignore.

Anyone who would care to contact me is welcome to do so at: 4 Wren Court, Rummende Road, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9BD, England.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,  
Colin J. Bruce


Dear Editor:

I just want to thank *The Sun* newspaper for the assistance they give Pahokee Little League every year in getting the word out about registration. The article in this week's paper was fantastic and we appreciate all the help.

Sincerely,

Gary Burroughs

Home Sweet Home



"WHEN THE KIDS WERE HOME AND THEY WANTED TO TALK, LISTENING WAS FREE... NOW THEY'RE AWAY FROM HOME AND IT COSTS ME."

## Ask Dr. Boltson

### The REAL scoop on losing weight!

One month ago, I attended a workshop which covered all the latest research on losing weight. The speaker had, a PhD. in biochemistry. She discussed the latest diet pills, (Phen-Fen, Redux), behavioral techniques, Weight Watchers (restrictive) approaches, the Zone Diet (more protein), the Atkins diet (eating mostly fat and protein), exercise, the biochemistry involved with hunger and satiation, the metabolism of glucose and fats, and learning to pay attention to body cues.

It was a very edifying and interesting workshop with over 300 people, including psychologists, social workers, dietitians, nurses, and dental hygienists. Interestingly, I would say about 97 percent of the attendees were women. The speaker presented research that says when men and women were equally overweight, men were much more likely to be satisfied with their bodies. Also, women were much more likely to say they were very far from their "ideal" weight, than men were. Individual variations on body weight, eating and diet were elaborated as being influenced by biological, genetic, environmental, cultural, and social factors. In a nutshell, women tend to have more outer and inner psychological pressure to focus on their looks.

Although the presenter tried to avoid editorializing, it was interesting to note that with one interesting spin, there is nothing too earth

shattering or new under the sun. The best way to lose weight is to diet and exercise (surprised?).

Below are some interesting tidbits from the presentation:

1. Diet Pills (Phen-Fen and Redux) - studies do show that people lose weight when taking these pills. The downside is that when you stop taking the pill, you go back to your old weight. They affect the serotonin neural pathways which affect appetite, but also thinking as well.

If you take the pill forever, you may have side effects, which in rare cases, can be deadly. The controlled studies presented required people to diet and exercise while taking the pills. Interestingly, in one study of very overweight people, the pill takers only lost six more pounds than non-pill takers who also dieted and exercised. My personal conclusion is that taking the pills is not worth the risk. Why wait for future studies that will probably show more and more negative side effects? Exercising with diet control is guaranteed to make you lose weight with no side effects.

2. Chromium - is a mineral supplement that has been touted as "thermogenic" (fat-burning) for years by health food stores and holistic practitioners. Our speaker said there is no research whatsoever to substantiate this claim.

3. ZONE diet - she didn't like it. She feels this

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Dr. David Boltson

## Mental Retardation - An old problem with new solutions

By Scot Kannel  
Executive Director  
Glades Area Association  
for Retarded Citizens

As with many human services, desirable outcomes for people helped from agencies like the Glades Area ARC change over time. Not too many years ago pediatricians advised new parents of children with mental retardation to place them in state institutions, convinced this was the best alternative for families and their children.

In the 1950's, a grassroots organization of parents and volunteers began to challenge that assumption. By the early 1960's, the ideas of The Association for Retarded Children spread across the nation and promoted community centered services delivered as an alternative to large institutional settings. Recognizing the needs of people of all ages, the organization became The Association for Retarded Citizens and stood unique among providers by the parent and volunteer nature of its leadership.

Since 1977, the Glades Area ARC has promoted the values and principles of its national counterpart. With a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of involved parents and com-

munity leaders, the ARC began to provide Developmental Preschool and Homebound Infant Intervention services to at-risk or developmentally delayed children.

Over the next 10 years services expanded to include education, training and therapy for adults with profound retardation, adult day training and sheltered center-based activities for individuals who were mild to moderately affected. They also offered supported employment as the natural outcome for people able and willing to become wage-earning, tax paying and, at least partially self-sustaining members of the community. Support services developed to provide transportation, a two meal a day nutrition program, and social services to link people to available resources and avoid duplication of service and expense.

True to its origins, The ARC maintains its role as an advocate for the general well-being of individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities who reside in the western county area.

Leaving school, getting a job and having a home of your own are all rites of passage in our society. Rather than deny friends and neighbors passage

to adulthood due to a disability, the ARC helps to find the available natural supports to make it a reality. In late 1995 The ARC began a Supported Living Program and, after years of being discouraged or denied the opportunity to even attempt independence, people in this program are successfully residing in a home of their own.

The Glades Area ARC provides its services at no cost to participants. Funding from state and local sources like the United Way, the County Commission, and the Florida Department of Children and Families is complemented by the generous support of local donors and the fund-raising efforts of our board of directors. The core of the ARC movement is not in its funders, however, but in the grassroots involvement of the community. The ARC endeavors to diminish the effects of stigma and prejudice that obstruct the developmentally disabled person from inclusion in the community. Local support funds local programs, and community education makes us better neighbors. Be a better neighbor...Join the Glades Area ARC. For more information, call the Glades Area ARC at 996-9583.

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**LEADERSHIP GLADES, CLASS OF 1996**, completed their class project by disbursing \$1,400 in matching funds to provide playground equipment for Lutheran Ministries of Florida's PEPI Head Start in Belle Glade. From left are: Rosa Hernandez and Shelly Miller, Leadership Glades, Shirley Walker, Executive Director for PEPI Head Start and Elizabeth Hernandez and Alfredo Fernandez, Leadership Glades.

## Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 683 complaints and worked 14 crime scenes the week of March 3 - March 9. Those arrested included:

**March 3 - Laverne Smith**, 48, robbery and resisting arrest without violence.

**March 4 - Teko Chatman**, 19, loitering and prowling; **Jose Lara**, 22, failure to appear; **Stanley McClorin**, 32, violation of probation and aggravated domestic battery; **Richard Ford**, 35, domestic battery.

**March 5 - Eric Clinton**, 29, oppose and obstruct by dis-

guised person; **Jacqueline Peak**, 31, attempted murder; **Connie Lee**, 19, oppose and obstruct police; **Demetrie Rolle**, 36, battery.

**March 6 - Juvenile**, 17, grand theft auto; **Juvenile**, 15, retail theft; **Juvenile**, 17, contempt of court; **Derrick Vinson**, 28, failure to appear; **Juvenile**, 13, retail theft; **Onell Campbell**, 26, domestic battery.

**March 7 - Timmy Majors**, 28, uttering forged instrument and grand theft; **Lorraine Johnson**, 30, felony retail theft; **Danny Hodges**, 34, attempted first degree murder and shooting into occupied

vehicle; **Juvenile**, 17, uttering a forged and grand theft; **Juvenile**, 15, uttering a forged and grand theft.

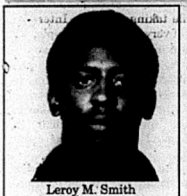
**March 8 - Robert Morgan**, 33, domestic battery; **Jimmy Mills**, 25, aggravated battery.

**March 9 - No arrests.**

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

## Crime Stoppers



Leroy M. Smith

**Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc.**, is asking citizens to help locate **Leroy M. Smith**, who is wanted for two counts of lewd assault and contempt of court. Smith is 6'1" tall and weighs 210 pounds. His last known address was 1200 West First Street, Riviera Beach. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is November 29, 1967. His Social

Security number is 267-79-8140 and his last occupation was as a pizza delivery man. His warrant was active as of March 4, 1997. If you know the whereabouts of Leroy M. Smith, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477.

You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property.

## Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 11 arrests the week of March 3 - 9. Those arrested included:

**March 3 - Donnell Hickson**, 24, simple battery; **Isaiah Manderville**, 36, petty theft.

**March 4 - Juvenile**, 16, order of commitment/warrant.

**March 5 - Traffic arrests only.**

**March 6 - Elliott Boone**, Jr., 40, trespass after warning and loitering; **Juvenile**, 13, aggravated battery.

**March 7 - Albert Keyes**, 38, order of commitment (child support) warrant; **Brenda**

**Hill**, 36, felony retail theft.

**March 8 - Barbara Dunn**, away, 44, failure to appear warrant; **Fredi Moya**, 28, DUI and driving while license suspended.

**March 9 - Roy Walker**, 19, domestic battery; **Juvenile**, 14, aggravated battery.

## South Bay Police Dept. arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made one arrest the week of March 3-9.

**March 3 - No arrests made.**

**March 4 - No arrests made.**

**March 5 - No arrests made.**

**March 6 - Timothy Wright**, 44, disorderly intoxication.

**March 7 - No arrests made.**

**March 8 - No arrests made.**

**March 9 - No arrests made.**

## Black Gold Notes

By Sue Teets, Jubilee Chairman

### Black Gold Jubilee is Just Five Weeks Away

It's only five weeks until Black Gold Jubilee, and that isn't long if you're planning a float or organizing a booth.

The Jubilee Committee urges everyone to get involved in our great Celebration of the American Family. We have activities for all ages - Children's Fishing Tournament, Gospel Sing, arts and crafts, food booths, 5K Walk/Run, parade, Kids Korner, volleyball, photography contest, cookie contest, and much more. So, come on and let us hear from you!

### Jubilee Booklet Features Writing Contest Winners

Excelling in competition is nothing new for Belle Glade students. And, they have demonstrated their talents once again in the Jubilee Creative Writing Contest. All of the entries were outstanding, and the judges were really put to the test to choose just 12 finalists.

Although all seven Belle Glade schools were encouraged to take part in the contest, only four schools submitted

entries. The Jubilee committee extends appreciation to the faculty and students at Belle Glade Elementary School, Glades Central Community High School, Glades Day School and Pioneer Park Elementary School for taking the time to participate in this Jubilee activity.

The winning entries will be featured in the '97 Jubilee booklet. Congratulations to the following talented students: Tamara Dowdell and Erica Hernandez from Belle Glade Elementary; Paul Small, Cecelia Hepburn, Kacia Knowles and Randy Burden, Jr. from Glades Central Community High School; and Clayton Norman, Vanessa Horta, Ashley Reese, Kristin Hutton, Summer Mill and Amanda Mills from Glades Day School.

### GDS Elementary Boosters to Sponsor Little Mr. & Miss Black Gold

Thanks to Glades Day School Elementary Booster parents, Belle Glade will have a Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold pageant. According to chair Cheryl Stein, the GDS Boosters are co-sponsoring the event

with Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m. Plans are being finalized and application forms should be available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce by March 17.

### Get Ready for 5K Walk/Run

Application forms are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and City Hall for the Jubilee 5K Walk/Run. Chair Dolly Hand promises it will be bigger than last year's event, which had over 200 participants. So, whether you're under 15 or over 55, there's a spot for you in this popular event. Watch for more information next week.

### Jubilee Committee Cancels Tennis Tournament

Although it's always difficult to drop an event, the Jubilee Committee announces the cancellation of the '97 tennis tournament. After spending considerable time and effort trying to recruit local tennis players for the tournament, the Committee was forced to cancel due to lack of interest. Let's hope we can get it together for next year!

## Dieting...Continued from Page 4

was not based on sound nutritional practices. She felt too much protein is not good for you.

4. Atkins Diet - He feels this diet is very unhealthy nutritionally. You could lose weight, but be in bad health.

5. Exercise - is good for you, can in some cases reduce your hunger and can definitely increase your metabolism (thermogenic - fat-burning ability). Also, the more muscle tissue you have, the more you will burn calories, even when you are resting.

6. (Restrictive) Dieting - surprisingly, she does not recommend what most people do to lose weight. She reports that people who try to restrict the foods they love, or only eat low calorie foods, end up eating more and/or gain weight. This can occur for several reasons. If you lower your calorie intake too much, and don't exercise, your body gets more efficient at storing fat. You will retain the weight you have. Sometimes people don't lose because by denying themselves what they really want or crave, they end up binging at some point, and losing all the progress they may have made. People also may not lose weight when they eat low calorie foods, because they eat lots of low calorie food because it's either not satisfying, or they fool themselves and think they can

eat more because it's low calorie. By the end of the day, they have eaten too many calories, albeit comprised of "low calorie" foods.

So, you may be wondering, what is a potential weight loser to do? Well, I must re-emphasize that exercise is key. Additionally, the presenter felt that if people would ONLY EAT WHEN THEY ARE HUNGRY, they would lose weight. The subtle point she is making is that most of us eat for any reason except that we are hungry. We eat because it's lunch time, because we are stressed, because we like the taste of food, because we are bored, etc., etc. She suggests people need to become more attuned to their body cues of fullness. Most overweight people eat long past the time when their stomachs start to feel full, and then they complain about "being stuffed." Even if you like the taste of, for example, ice cream, she would say that one teaspoonful isn't any tastier than a whole half gallon.

She suggests eating what you want, but slow down, pay attention to how you feel, and stop eating when you start getting fullness feelings.

Also, eat two snacks per day to increase your metabolism.

and to keep more satisfied between meals.

So, there you have it. You must exercise and eat what you want, but stop eating when you are no longer hungry. You must learn to recognize "hunger" versus "satisfaction" cues.

It's not high tech and it's not the latest fad, which is why this will work and last, if you do it. In the old days, people didn't have to have a special weight loss plan. Most folks did physical labor all day long, and couldn't afford large quantities (expensive) high fat foods. Now, people want to lead a leisure lifestyle without much physical exertion, and eat plenty of fancy, high fat foods, and still have the bodies of people who work physically all day long and eat less. The human body doesn't work that way.

Let me know if you are interested in a "Get Real" weight loss program which involves exercise, and hypnosis to learn to attend to body cues that will help you develop appropriate eating practices, and still eat what you want.

Dr. David Bolton is a clinical psychologist with Positively Speaking in Belle Glade.

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- \*Sunday - All U Can Eat Catfish (Mashed Potatoes or Fries, Beans, Cole Slaw & Garlic Bread) - \$6.95

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- \*Thursday - Catfish Dinner - \$6.25
- \*Friday - All U Can Eat Ribs - \$6.95
- \*Saturday - All U Can Eat Chicken - \$5.95
- \*Sunday - All U Can Eat Catfish - \$6.95

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## Eddie Honeycutt receives "You Made a Difference" Award from Pahokee Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Eddie Honeycutt, owner of Video Movies, 137 East Main Street in Pahokee was honored by the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce at the monthly Chamber breakfast this past Thursday, March 6, with the "You Made a Difference" award. This award is given by the Chamber to

people who have gone the extra mile in lending a helping hand with a selfless generosity and kindness to anyone in need.

Mr. Honeycutt has been in business for 10 years at Video Movies. Each year, for the past 5 years, he has given away over 60 hams and

turkeys at Christmas time to needy families. These families' names are given to Mr. Honeycutt by the local churches and the Pahokee Police and Fire Departments.

For the past couple of years he has used the City of Pahokee's Christmas float and Santa Claus costume and paid

for a Santa to give away fruit and candy to nearly 200 local children. He also prints literature for local churches at cost.

For this and every act of kindness, the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce salutes Mr. Honeycutt and awards him the "You Made a Difference" award.

## South Florida Water Management District criticized for poor planning of Everglades construction project

Tallahassee, FL - The South Florida Water Management District's projected \$100 million in cash shortfalls to build the Florida Everglades restoration project is the result of the District's failure to follow a construction schedule and budget established by the Florida Legislature in 1994, said Robert H. Buker Jr., senior vice president of U.S. Sugar Corporation, one of the major contributors of revenue to the project.

"The District has deviated from the budgeted construction schedule authorized by the Legislature in 1994 by accelerating spending before it was authorized or needed, creating unnecessary cash shortfalls that will create financial nightmares for taxpayers in the future," Buker said. "All of this will certainly create financial nightmares for taxpayers in the future."

In 1994, the legislature gave the Water Management District specific guidelines about cost allocation and spending, Buker said, "with the intent that careful planning and monitoring would bring the project in on time and on budget."

Buker said the latest District budget shows cost overruns have increased on the project to build 60

square miles of water filter marshes in South Florida, of approximately \$40 million (from \$579.8 million to \$639.2 million) even before construction has begun. However at recent public hearings, District staff forecasts even worse cost overruns, as much as \$180 million over the life of the project, including new interest expense.

"This appears to be an artificial crisis as a result of bureaucratic bungling," Buker said.

Buker said, The District's new budget forecasts call for spending \$296 million in the next two years, while the original schedule mandated by the Legislature called for spending \$169 million. This is \$127 million more than budgeted. Construction of the storm water treatment areas was supposed to have begun in 1996. To date, no construction has taken place.

Buker said his staff has been examining the Everglades Construction Project's budget for several months, since the cost problems were first revealed. "We wanted to know what happened. However, not only have we been unable to get answers from the District staff, we have been unable to get a line by line budget as the Legislature

required.

As recently as last January two years into the project, the District reported only minor cost increases which they said would be absorbed as construction proceeded," Buker said. "Less than a year later, they claim the need for \$180 million more taxpayer dollars. How could this happen? If this happened in business, someone would be fired for gross mismanagement."

"We believe the Legislature and public should demand answers from the District about what has happened and why proper monitoring and controls were not put in place," Buker said.

In 1994, the Legislature settled years of litigation and negotiation over restoration of the Everglades by passing the Everglades Forever Act (EFA), which included building massive filtering marshes in South Florida. The law outlined in specific detail what was to be built, what schedule was to be followed and a very specific time-line of when money was to be spent.

Buker said, "There clearly are serious problems in the management of the Everglades." Construction Project and unless steps are

taken very soon to bring it under control and install proper management, Florida taxpayers will once again be hearing a call for more new taxes. This will make the federal government's infamous \$600 toilet seat expenditures look like a bargain basement sale."

"This is another example of why the taxpayers simply cannot give a blank check to an agency of government and say spend what you like; we'll always pay the bill later," Buker said.

A study of the Water Management District's management and financial accounting procedures for the project reveal significant failures to properly monitor and manage both construction planning and spending.

"The District staff has been unable, or unwilling, following many months of requests, to adequately document its claims of financial shortfall," Buker said.

"They have failed to produce records indicating the staff has followed standard budgetary analysis necessary so that the original budget approved by the Legislature can be compared with the current budget in order to determine the cause of the alleged funding shortfalls."

## Bryant and Sledge awarded child care credential

Delma Cassandra Bryant of Belle Glade and Loretta Sledge have been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 20 years ago, and now 46 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their child care licensing regulations.

Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children's

welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate is monitored by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

The CDA credential is having a positive effect on

the quality of child care. Its impact is evident in center-based care as well as family child care, the most common form of care for children under 5 years old.

Child care staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition at 1341 G Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20005-310 or call (202) 265-

9090 or (800) 424-4310.

## Farming, Fishing and Estimated Tax

Farmers and fishermen may be eligible for paying estimated tax in one lump sum.

Most people who pay their income taxes through estimated tax payments do so four times a year. Farmers and fishermen may be able to pay their estimated taxes in one lump sum.

To qualify, at least two-thirds of a person's gross income must have come from farming or fishing either in the current year or the previous year.

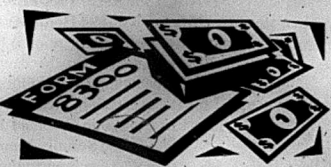
Those who qualify can pay all their estimated tax by January 15, 1997, and file their 1996 Form 1040 by April 15, 1997. Or, they can file their 1996 Form 1040 by March 3, 1997, and pay all the tax due with the return.

People who don't meet the two-thirds of gross income rule must follow the regular estimated tax payment rules.

For details on estimated taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 and order Publication 225, *Farmer's Tax Guide*; Publication 31, *Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide* (Circular A); Publication 595, *Tax Highlights for Commercial Fishermen*; or Publication 505, *Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax*.



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### Tax Guide for Small Business

Keeping up with all the taxes for a small business isn't easy. The IRS has a publication that helps explain the tax responsibilities of small businesses that are operated as sole proprietorships. Call 1-800-829-3676 or ask for Publication 334.

### Business Expenses

Before you take a tax deduction on that business trip or dues for the club where you take clients, check out the rules. Get information on deducting entertainment, gift and car expenses. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 to receive a copy of Publication 463.

## ATTENTION GLADES RESIDENTS

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# Florida math scores inch up but still lag national average

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Education Commissioner Frank T. Brogan urged parents of Florida students to get directly involved in their child's education and to learn more about the state's academic standards for math, in light of national test scores which show that less than 20 percent of Florida students can demonstrate proficient math skills.

Commissioner Brogan made the recommendations after reviewing the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) mathematics test released today. The results show that only 5% of Florida fourth graders and 17% of the state's eighth graders are achieving math skills at or above proficient levels.

"I urge every parent to contact their child's school, find out what the Sunshine State Standards say Florida's students are expected to know and be able to do in mathematics, and work with their children and their child's school to apply these skills," said Commissioner Brogan, a former teacher, principal, and superintendent of schools.

"We cannot afford to let another year pass by with students failing to achieve the skills necessary to compete."

A "proficient" score on the NAEP math test represents solid academic performance for the grade assessed. Students achieving at this level have demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter. Fourth graders performing at this level should be able to use whole numbers to estimate and compute, and should have a conceptual understanding of fractions and decimals.

Eight graders performing at this level should understand the connections between fractions, percents, and decimals, and are expected to have a thorough understanding of basic level arithmetic operations - sufficient for problem-solving in practical situations.

The number of Florida fourth graders scoring at or above proficient is up 2% since the previous NAEP math test in 1992, when 18% of fourth graders scored at or above proficient levels. The number of eighth

graders scoring at or above proficient also increased two percentage points, from 15% in 1992. Nationally, 20% of fourth graders and 23% of eighth graders scored at or above proficient levels in 1996.

In calling for higher standards and increased student achievement, Commissioner Brogan spearheaded the development of the Sunshine State Standards, Florida's new set of academic standards. Approved by the State Board of Education in May 1996, the Sunshine State Standards are rigorous, not minimal skills, and are written for the subject areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, physical and health education and foreign languages.

Addressing the Florida Education Technology Conference in Orlando, Commissioner Brogan announced that the Department of Education has developed an interactive CD-ROM based on the Sunshine State Standards for math. The new teaching tool will be distributed to

every Florida school, teacher training center and college of education in March. The CD-ROM is an innovative training tool featuring best practices of real-world math problems and solutions to assist teachers as they help students obtain the skills and knowledge required in the Sunshine State Standards.

"We are making teacher training and professional development a top priority," said Commissioner Brogan, whose 1997-98 budget request for education includes a record \$25 million for teacher training. "Our teachers must have the support and tools they need to help our students achieve the higher standards that the world is demanding."

A new statewide assessment test called the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) has been developed based on the Sunshine State Standards to measure how students are performing in the areas of mathematics and reading. The test will be field-tested March 10-21 in grades 4, 5, 8, and 10 statewide.

Analysis gained from the

field test will assist the department in improving and refining the FCAT before it is fully administered to students for results in early 1998. The Florida Writes! test will continue as the measurement for students' proficiency and the High School Competency Test will continue as the test required for high school graduation.

The FCAT is intended to measure challenging material, as does the NAEP. While President Bill Clinton, among others, has recently proposed development of a national achievement test based on NAEP, Commissioner Brogan wants to ensure a flexible approach.

"States should be able to build their own tests with rigorous standards and statistically link them to the NAEP," Commissioner Brogan said. Such an approach permits coordinating the standards and student assessments across all grade levels, developing assessment objectives and test specifications, and developing reporting guidelines.

Florida's fourth grade NAEP math scaled score of 216 was below the national average of 222, which placed it ahead of 11 states and jurisdictions, behind 34, and tied with one of those participating. Florida's eighth grade scaled score of 284 was below the national average of 271, placing Florida ahead of 12 states and jurisdictions and behind 31. In Florida, 2,549 fourth graders from 106 public schools and 2,401 eighth graders from 104 public schools participated in the 1996 NAEP math test.

The NAEP is a congressionally mandated project of the National Center for Education Statistics at the U.S. Department of Education. Participation by states and jurisdictions is voluntary. The National Assessment governing Board, established in 1988 by Congress, formulates policy guidelines for NAEP and is responsible for setting appropriate student performance levels, developing assessment objectives and test specifications, and developing reporting guidelines.

# President's budget continues high priority on rural water needs

In his fiscal year 1998 budget proposal, submitted to Congress on February 6, President Clinton has requested \$1.346 billion in loans and grants to build, expand, and improve safe drinking water and sanitary sewer systems in small towns and rural areas. This is a proposed increase of \$31 million, or 2 1/2 percent, above the 1997 Federal Investment Level.

This request supports the Clinton Administration's Water 2000 Safe Drinking Water Initiative, according

to Mr. Ronald Whitfield, Florida State Director of Rural Development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Water 2000, which the administration launched in 1994, targets resources to the estimated 2.5 million people with some of the nation's most serious drinking water availability, dependability, and quality problems. This number includes the approximately one million rural Americans who have no water at all running into their homes.

In 1995 and 1996, the USDA financed more than \$547 million in safe drinking water projects in some of America's most financially distressed communities, including more than \$9 million in Florida. This year, projects in Putnam and Glades Counties have already been selected for funding. The Putnam County Water System will receive approximately \$2,000,400 in loans and a \$2,000,000 grant to construct a new water system to serve the 8,752 East

Palatka residents. The City of Moore Haven will be upgrading their water system with a \$1,500,000 grant and a \$1,574,500 loan bringing clean drinking water to the 891 rural households located there.

One of the best examples of a Florida project funded under the Water 2000 Initiative is in South Bay, a community water system that will serve the city with a population of 3558 and 866 households.

The Congress will consider the President's proposed

budget for rural development programs like this in a series of hearings in March and April. The House of Representatives will respond with its own budget in May, and the Senate will follow suit in June. The versions of the two houses will be reconciled into one final budget package in July or September, and then sent to the President for his signature.

"This Presidential budget clearly acknowledges how important safe drinking water is to the public and

economic health of Florida communities," Whitfield said. "At a time when we are working hard towards a balanced budget, even a modest proposed increase in investment of 2 1/2 percent is a major show of support for the goal of Water 2000. As President Clinton said last summer, 'There are still places in the United States in rural areas where people do not have access to safe drinking water. We're determined to correct that problem. So we will keep working on that...'

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# Fishing with Walt Reynolds

The wind is blowing again on Lake Okeechobee, I guess that just comes along with March. The bass fishing remained fair to good all week until the weekend came along and then it really slowed down. All the reports were talking about top water, worms and jerk baits as producing good numbers of fish, but after the fipnt passed through on Friday it changed

to basically a worm bite. Congratulations to Chet Coughlin for a 6th place finish at the Bassmaster Top 100 event this week on Lake Sinclair near Macon, Georgia. This is always a factor, but they have just quit biting like they were. The crappie fishermen can look forward shortly to the bluegill and shellcracker fishing. It will really pick up

next month. For those of you who use the Internet, I have a new e-mail address. It is wrfishing@netnet. If you have a topic you would like to hear about or would just like to gab, please feel free to drop me an e-mail.

To all a good bite,  
Walt Reynolds  
Touring Pro.

# Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Chatter

Thank you to the Fabulous Glades Campus of the Palm Beach Community College for sponsoring the February Arts Center has great things in store for us in March. A special presentation of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" will be showing on Saturday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. Children from the Glades auditioned and rehearsed to bring you this special show with the help of the professionals from the nationally acclaimed Muscology Children's Theatre. Tickets are \$3.

Welcome New Chamber of Commerce members: Iota Omicron Zeta Chapter Sorority and Advanced Women's Healthcare.

March is "American Red Cross Month". Learn to save lives and register for a CPR course! The course will be held on Saturday,

March 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. To register simply call South County at (561) 994-2060 or West County at (561) 992-9703.

A special thanks to the Glades Art Group and Grace Eberle for the beautiful paintings that have been on display at the Chamber during February. To see beautiful artwork every month just come by the Chamber Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The next Belle Glade Chamber Card Exchange/Mixer will be in Thursday, March 27 from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Our host/sponsor will be Bank of Belle, located at 108 SE Avenue D in Belle Glade. There will be no charge for admission, so come and bring your business cards to this great networking opportunity and come hungry!

Congratulations to Bair's Electronic Services, Inc., February's Member of the Month! They serve our community and the Chamber in so many ways and we are pleased to present them with this award. We appreciate all they do.

Attention all chamber members... Please bring your business cards to the Chamber so we can display them and advertise for you. That's what the Chamber is for! For you and your business.

**Western Communities Family Practice of Belle Glade is relocating their office to the Wellington Campus as of March 1, 1997.**

The new address is  
**10131 Forest Hill Boulevard, Suite 150**  
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**THE GLADES ART GROUP** is featuring a show for the month of March in memory of longtime member Helen Morris. Jane Thompson is holding an oil painting her mother painted of her childhood church in Cotton Plant, Florida. Everyone is invited to stop by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and view the artwork. The chamber is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays.



**Godparents are special**  
A new Godparent Program is starting up in the Glades and you are needed! Three Head Start Centers in the Glades need adults to help by donating a little time, love, and the gift of joy for young children. Participants can give as little or as much time as they wish each month. They will be paired with a godchild at a center in their town. They may visit the child and participate by joining the child in coloring, reading, talking, having lunch, or assisting with field trips. Call Millie at 996-1608 for more information.

**Applications ready for Harvest Queen Pageant**  
Applications are now available for the annual Harvest Queen Pageant, held in conjunction with the Black Gold Jubilee festival. The Belle Glade Lions Club is again sponsoring this popular event for girls in the Glades area who attend school in Belle Glade or Pahokee.

**Harvest Queen Pageant events** will be held April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly hand Cultural Arts Center. Application deadline is March 21 and applications can be picked up at Atlantic Pacific Insurance, 204 N.W. Ave. L, Belle Glade.

Tickets for the pageant will go on sale March 25 at \$10 per person. For additional information, call Becky White at 996-5800.

**College tour open to young ladies**  
The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. is sponsoring a tour of southern colleges, March 30th - April 3, 1997, to various states. Any young lady in the 7th grade through the 12th grade is welcome to learn more about this tour. They should contact Rachel Brown Glover, at 996-6872 or Mary Louise Rainey at 996-9592 for more information.

**Libraries offer spring story times**  
The three Glades libraries are offering spring story times for children of all ages beginning March 24 and continuing for eight weeks. Pre-registration is required, so please call the Belle Glade Library at 996-3453 to register for Belle Glade, the Clarence C. Anthony Branch in South Bay or the Loula V. York

#### Branch in Pahokee.

#### Spring Break Camp

The Glades Boys and Girls Club is sponsoring 1997 Spring Break Camp for children in Belle Glade and South Bay. The camp will feature sports, field trips, cooking, arts and crafts, swimming, a game room, pool, ping pong, snack bar and fun.

The camp will be seven days, March 27 through April 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lake Shore Civic Center in Belle Glade and at Tanner Park Community Center in South Bay. Call 992-5399 for cost and additional details.

**GDS annual golf tournament** is March 22. Glades Day School's annual golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at the Belle Glade Golf Course.

The event, scheduled to coincide with the school's "Spring Fling" will start with registration at 8 a.m. and tee off at 9 a.m. Cost is \$35 for club members and \$40 for non-members. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Golfers can sign up by calling 996-6605.

#### Recovery Group meets at Good Shepherd

A Christ-centered recovery group meets every Monday evening at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome. The church is located at 1800 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee.

#### Winter Fun

The Belle Glade Recreation Department is offering outdoor recreational activities that include basketball, full court or three on three challenge games. They are also offering tennis lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays and flag football. Hours are from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at 996-0100, extension 622.

#### Recreation Department offering fitness classes

The City of Belle Glade Parks and Recreation Department is offering fitness classes to the public. "Fitness by Michele" will be offered at the Belle Glade Municipal Civic Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The first class on Monday night, titled "Basic Fitness" starts at 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and the second class, "Stompin' Stop" is from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Wednesday's classes run the same time with the first class stressing non-aerobic aerobic strength and toning for

all fitness levels and the second class offering interval aerobics. Instructor is Michele Young, RN. She is certified by the American Council on Exercise and the American Association of Fitness and Aerobics. There is a \$2 fee per night for one or both classes. Steps and weights are provided.

#### Children welcome

Lutheran Ministries of Florida, PEPP! Head Start, is recruiting and accepting applications for three and four year old children.

All are welcome, including children with disabilities and there are no fees. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718.

## Church of God of Prophecy plans revival services

The Church of God of Prophecy, 601 S.E. 12th Street and old 80 invites you to revival services Sunday through Wednesday, March 16-19. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. The evangelist is Janet German from Bartow, Florida. Janet and her husband, Michael, travel throughout the United States singing and ministering the gospel. Janet is a recording artist and Pastor Jean Ingram, says Janet is a gifted speaker and her singing and message is

refreshing. Pastor Ingram extends a warm welcome to everyone and invites them to attend this revival.

A special Ladies Day will also be held at the church on Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. which will feature Evangelist Janet German. Other speakers will include Denise Hattin and Judy Crosby, who will give healing testimony. Special singing and worship will be offered. Women in the Glades are invited to attend. For more information, call 996-5054.

## Sorority hosts anniversary luncheon

Xi Zeta Mu held their Anniversary Luncheon on Saturday, February 15th at the Binks Forest Country Club in Wellington.

After the luncheon the members attended a movie, "The

English Patient" at Riverbridge, and completed the evening with shopping. A good time was had by all.

At the March meeting members will vote on "GIRL OF THE YEAR".

Those attending were: Sandra Chamblee, Merelyne Cochran, Karen Corbin, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Pat McKee, Laverne Mokes, Sara Phillips, Gloria Swager and Greadle York.

## Local woman gets help through Developmental Disabilities Services

On March 19, the Department of Children and Families' Developmental Services program will focus on Developmental Disabilities and Directions for the 21st Century. Service providers, clients, staff and the community will review exhibits and listen to speakers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center on Military Trail, West Palm Beach. They'll hear success stories, such as the one below.

Felicia Kendrick is a 27-year-old mother of two living in Belle Glade. She has disabilities which require assistance and is currently a client of Developmental Services. She has been helped by this agency for four years and is in the Supported Employment and Supported Living Program with the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens.

Her supervisors say she is highly motivated to make a better life for herself and her children. She attended the

Project Independence Program, which enabled her to attend Palm Beach Community College, where she enrolled in a 10 hour course for a CDA certificate. With the help of a job coach, she obtained employment at a local supermarket as a cashier, but the part-time job was not enough for her to make ends meet. She is hoping to eventually get off

welfare, so she later took a job with the Palm Beach County School Board as a school bus aide. She has kept this job since October, 1996 and says she enjoys her new job and her goal is to be totally free of the welfare system within the next year.

For more information, contact Gloria Gavlín at 561-837-5564.

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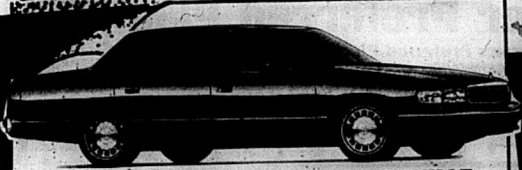
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# EDUCATION



A penny saved is a penny earned...That's what the Bank of Belle Glade stresses to youngsters at Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay about saving money. Pictured are Christina Darling, June Mikell, Rosenwald student Antorris Williams and his mother, and Norma Muniz.



## Glades Day School Gator Tales

It's the middle of March all ready - only 11 more weeks of school!

In the meantime, Glades Day students and faculty have plenty on their agenda to keep them occupied over these past few months, including the Spring Fling that will be held next Saturday, March 22.

If you haven't gotten in on the action yet be sure to take advantage of the activities

GDS has to offer for the Spring Fling, beginning with the golf tournament in the morning, continuing on to the alumni baseball game in the afternoon, and then finishing with an adult dance that night. Along with those events, there will be a BBQ chicken dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon and drawings for a shotgun, quilt, and a two-passenger SP Sea-Doo complete with boat trailer. If you would like tickets for any of these please contact Janet McKinley in the

high school office at 996-6769.

The sophomores are all excited this week as they finally get to order that long awaited class ring. A representative from Herff Jones visited the campus last Tuesday for the tenth graders to preview class rings and will return Friday, March 14, to take orders. A deposit will be required upon ordering.

The reality of ending their high school years dawned upon the Class of 1997 when they received their com-

mencement invitations from Herff Jones this week along with tassels and other graduation memorabilia. It's only a couple of months away, seniors!

The varsity softball team will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 12.

Tickets are \$4.50 each and will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and beverage. Please see any varsity softball player or contact Karen Hansford in the high school office for your ticket.

## Brian Edgecomb of Glades Central named a finalist in Shakespeare competition

Brian Edgecomb, a senior at Glades Central High School was a finalist in the English-Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition held Sunday, February 23 at the Beach Club in Palm Beach.

Brian was coached by Drama Club sponsor and Glades Central teacher, Sarah Bennett and received a \$50 prize for being a finalist.

The English-Speaking Union is a non-profit, non-

political membership organization whose mission is to increase communication and understanding among people of all nationalities, ethnic backgrounds and cultural perceptions through the medium of the English language.

The Shakespeare Recitation Contest was started in 1988 and has involved over 250 Palm Beach County high school students - public, parochial, and independent.



The Shakespeare of Glades Central...Brian Edgecomb, a senior at Glades Central High School was a finalist in a Shakespeare competition.

## Belle Glade Elementary School makes plans for 1997-98 school year

Thanks so much for cooperating with us as we make plans for our 1997-98 school term. Our faculty is in the process of combining goals and objectives in order to meet our current needs. Committees are still working untiringly as we finalize our School Improvement Plan.

Please prepare to meet with us this month to give

input on our first draft. The meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 1997, in Belle Glade Elementary's media center. Please be on time so we can have a complete meeting.

Please call us at (561) 993-4490 if you have questions or do not plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

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## Rajendran named to dean's list at Boston University

Pam Rajendran of Belle Glade has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Boston University is the third largest, independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 30,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges.

The University offers an excep-

tional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, engineering, science and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research. Located in the heart of a city rich in cultural and intellectual attractions, the University is one of the nation's preeminent institutions of higher learning.

## Glades Day School Honor Roll - Fourth Six Weeks

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
All A's	All A's	All A's	All A's	All A's	All A's
Hela Barhoush	Ronda Halum	Denise Penuel	Kit Hamilton	Jackie Alvarez	
Jeffrey Rey	Marybeth Tynik	Joanna Rumluff	Derek Lamb	Miriam Barhoush	
Matthew Sanchez	Heather York	Kristina Sanchez	Eddie Motes	Tamam Barhoush	
All A's		Sarahbeth Tosado	Brooke Prescott	Lesley Carter	
Dustin Enchenique		Ashley Veale		Melissa Champion	
Mallory Grimes		Laura Walker		Gada Halum	
Christin Hartzog				Monica Schmidt	
Vanessa Horta				Laura Schiver	
Brittany Langenwalter				Mickey Stevens	
Chandra Manuel				Laura Shiver	
Brandon McMillan				Mickey Stevens	
Justin Meeks				All A's & B's	
Kerri Milita				Jessica Alvarez	
Amianda Mills				Jerry Arline	
Georgia Pate				Ricky Carter	
Lauren Sweet				Michael Challanoin	
Tania Villares				Jason Cunningham	
Melanie Walker				Ashly Curtis	
Eric Wingate				Karen De Castro	
Jeffrey Woodham				John Holman	
				Lindsey Howell	
				Stephen Lowery	
				Amie Motes	
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### Columbia Palms West Hospital Receives Accreditation with Commendation.

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Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The on-site survey of Columbia Palms West Hospital occurred in September.

"Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance by Columbia Palms West Hospital", says Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D., President, Joint Commission. "This organization should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in the community."

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